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WRIT PETITION NO : 18362 of 2005

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Dated:29.09.2005

Between:

Sanike Venkataiah, S/o. Jangaiah,
R/o. Ayyapureddigudam Village, H/o. Shankerpally Village& Mandal,
Ranga Reddy District.

..... PETITIONER

AND

The District Collector, Ranga Reddy District at Lakdikapool,

Hyderabad, and others.

.....RESPONDENTS

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ORDER:

The petitioner claims to be the Pattedar of agricultural dry land, admeasuring Acs.2.20 guntas in Survey No.188 of Shankerpally Village and Mandal, Ranga Reddy District. He made an application on 22.07.2005 to the third respondent, requesting for certified copies of the pahanies for nine years starting from 1964-65 to 2002-03. By impugned Memo dated 27.07.2005, the third respondent informed the petitioner that it is not possible to give certified copies of pahanies, as it is recorded in the pahanies as the Government property. This is assailed in the writ petition.

In spite of repeated queries from the Court, the learned counsel for the petitioner is not able to show any provision of law conferring a right on a citizen to claim certified copies of the pahanies in respect of Government land.

The learned Government Pleader for Revenue, however, brought to the notice of this Court, Rule 24(2) of the A.P.Rights in Land & Pattadar Pass Books Rules, 1989, which is to the effect that the Record of Rights shall be open for inspection of the public, free of charge during office hours on all working days.

In that view of the matter, the Writ Petition is disposed of, giving liberty to the petitioner to approach the third respondent for inspection of the Record of Rights and pahanies, if they are available. Such an application shall be considered by the Mandal Revenue Officer within a period of two weeks after submission of the application. No costs.

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(V.V.S.RAO, J)

29.09.2005

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